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Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee
Jeff Breitman

Our HCC season is coming to a close with the next June meeting. We've had a very busy season where we gained 2 new salon show venues in the Wish House Gallery and North Elm Home; we have had the pleasure of listening to some great speakers over the past season – both internal and external; and we have also signed many new members that we hope to retain into the coming season. This was Jeff and my first season as co-Presidents. We will continue in these positions next year.

We will be looking for some volunteers to help with the Salon Shows. Ann has decided to step aside after many years of holding this position. We thank Ann for her time and dedication in this position and will surely miss her in this role. If you would like to assist Bill & Blrgitt in managing our salon shows, please let Jeff or I know.

As our season winds down, we are already looking for things to do over the summer. Please see the trips we are planning detailed on page 3. We have planned these field trips to offer as much of a social outing as a photography opportunity. Hope you can attend one or more!

We have planned the schedule for next seasons with only a few small items to wrap up. We've even secured some of our speakers for next season. It looks to be an exciting season already!

Don't forget that we will have a happy hour and dinner (5:00 – 7:00 pm) before our next meeting which begins at 7:00 pm. Please plan on bringing snacks or drinks to share. HCC will provide a sub sandwich and salads for dinner. After dinner, we will review the Recorded Commentary which consists of 30 photos from our club, critiqued by a professional.

Hope to see you there!

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June Meeting

THE HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB presents

Year End Meeting Tuesday, June 20th

5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour
HCC will provide deli sandwiches and deli salads. Please consider bringing beverages and snacks.

A Super Raffle will be conducted.

7:00 - 7:15 Club business

7:15 - NECCC Recorded Commentary based on 30 of our photos submitted earlier this year.

Meeting and Presentations at 7:00pm
on June 20, 2017

at Noble Horizons, (Cobble Bldg)
17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT.

For more information visit: <http://housatoniccameraclub.com>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wish House Gallery – June 10, 2017 – July 9, 2017

Wish House/Souterrain Gallery show opening was Saturday, June 10th from 3pm – 6pm. The show runs through July 9. The gallery is located in West Cornwall, CT with 14 participating members for this show. Please let your friends and family know about the show and encourage that they come see the wonderful photos as well as visit the quaint shop upstairs. Please see pictures from the reception on page 13.



Goshen Stampede – Goshen CT – June 16, 2017 – June 18, 2017

3 day Music Fest, 2 Rodeos, 2 Demolition Derbies, 2 Truck Pulls with screaming super trucks, Great Food, Carnival Rides, and Fireworks too.. Gates open Friday at 2:00pm – 10:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 10:00pm and Sunday 10:00am – 8:00pm at Goshen Fairgrounds, Route 63. There will be plenty of events to photograph. Visit <http://www.goshenstampede.com/> for details.



Great Barrington
and the (Asia Barong Store)

HCC Summer Trips 2017

Some Ideas and Dates *

1. Saturday, July 8:

Catskills Animal Sanctuary:
Saugerties, NY 1+ hour travel
time....Adults \$12.00, Seniors
\$8.00...Bring Lunch & Water

2. Sunday July 15: Cold Spring,
NY....Town Walk (Late Afternoon)
.....Beautiful Hudson River Town
1 hr 15 mins ride from Amenia,
NY. Photographic possibilities
architecture (quaint side streets),
people, shopping, antique shops,
Hudson River Park, across from
West Point (Beautiful ride to CS)
Hopefully dinner at one of the
many restaurants/pubs in CS.



Catskill Animal Sanctuary

3. Saturday August 5:

Great Barrington Town Walk
(Late Afternoon) 45 mins
from Salisbury, CT. People watch-
ing, great shops, Asia Barong
(Asian Store) great restaurants,
The Snap Shop Photo store, etc.,
etc. Hopefully dinner at one of the
many ethnic restaurants in GB.

4. Sunday August 26: Pollopel Island (Bannerman Island)

[http://www.bannermancastle.org/
visit-the-island.html](http://www.bannermancastle.org/visit-the-island.html)
1 hr ride to Beacon. Riverferry
from Beacon to the Island in the
middle of the Hudson explore the
ruins of a Scottish castle built
by Francis Bannerman to store
surplus munitions and ordinance.
A \$35.00 fee for tour and ferry
ride. Bring Lunch, water or pick up
lunch in Beacon.
Explore Beacon after trip???

Bannerman/Pollopel Island



*** Details of
the times
directions and
meeting places
will be made
available
shortly.**

Cold Spring, NY



May Meeting Recap by Dawn Dingee

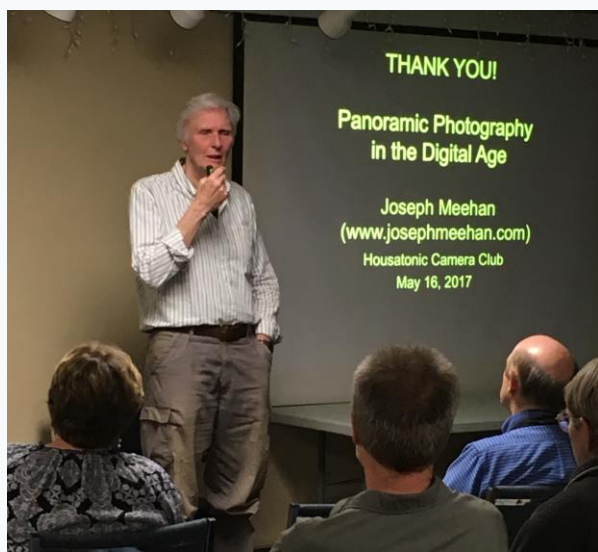
Our HCC May meeting consisted of a presentation by Joseph Meehan on *Panoramic Photography in the Digital Age*. Joe is an author of the first book on panoramic photography. He shared a brief look at the development of panoramic photography in the film era. He then illustrated three main digital panoramic methods using a variety of natural and man-made landscape compositions.

One of the most common methods used in today's digital world is by taking a number of photos of a scene that are then "stitched" together using a stitching program. Joe provided two websites where stitching software can be found here:

www.carlcheo.com (<http://carlcheo.com/best-photo-stitching-software>)
www.beebom.com (<https://beebom.com/photo-stitching-software/>).

Both sites offer software for Windows, Mac, Android and iOS. After the meeting, Joe provided the following website which describes how to create panoramas using Lightroom: <https://photographylife.com/how-to-create-a-panorama-in-lightroom/>.

Turn-out for the meeting was fantastic as always when Joe is our speaker. Following the meeting, we had our 2nd annual SWAP meet.



Taken using my iPhone's PANO in-camera settings ©Dawn Dingee

Announcements

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2016/2017 season

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To all Club Members

For future editions of the newsletter, consider submitting:

- **Your favorite place to photograph**
- **The story behind the picture**
- **Share photography and photo printing tips**
- **Your photo blog or website URL**

Club flickr site:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/124371381@N07/>

Photos submitted to the club flickr site appear on the Housatonic Camera Club website on the HOME page.



<https://psa-photo.org/>

Registration for the conference begins May 1, 2017.

During the Annual Conference registrants can participate in photo tours, classes, workshops, and photo shoots. There is an Opening Meeting of the Society with award presentations, an extensive Print Exhibition, a variety of programs, featured speakers in the evenings, social events, a vendor area with product demonstrations, numerous photographic activities, and a Banquet on the last evening.

WINNING IMAGES



PSA PID Individual Portrait Competition Round 2 Results.

Bert Schmitz's photo won 1st place in Group B and appears in the June 2017 PSA Journal (page 42). This photo was submitted as a individual, not as part of one of our Interclub competitions on behalf of the Housatonic Camera Club but I thought it was still worth noting. Congratulations Bert!



Paduang Girl © Bert Schmitz

The June PSA Journal can be found here: psa-photo.org/index.php?current-psa-journal

PSA PID May Results – Group E

Housatonic Camera Club	The Boat	Lazlo	Gyorsok	12	HM
Housatonic Camera Club	Bar Harbor Birches	Jane	Rossman	7	
Housatonic Camera Club	High Tops	Dawn	Dingee	11	
Housatonic Camera Club	Light	John	Landon	8	
Housatonic Camera Club	Lotus in a Pond	Bert	Schmitz	10	
Housatonic Camera Club	The Handler	Brian	Wilcox	9	57



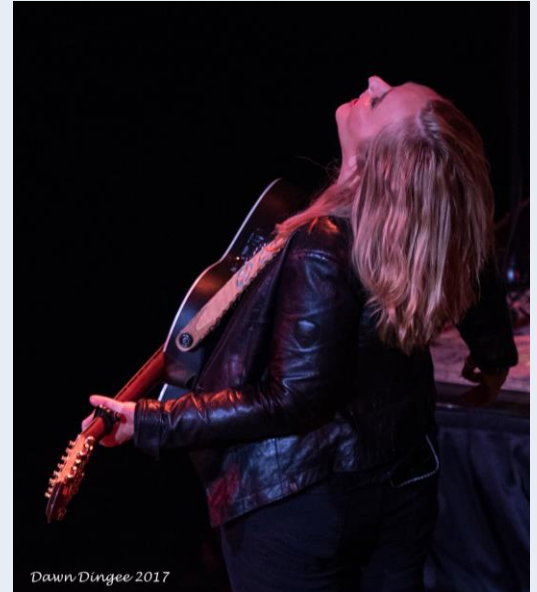


ASSIGNED TOPIC – Emotions

Each month we feature a topic of the months in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit 2-3 photos to select from. This month's topic was "Emotions".

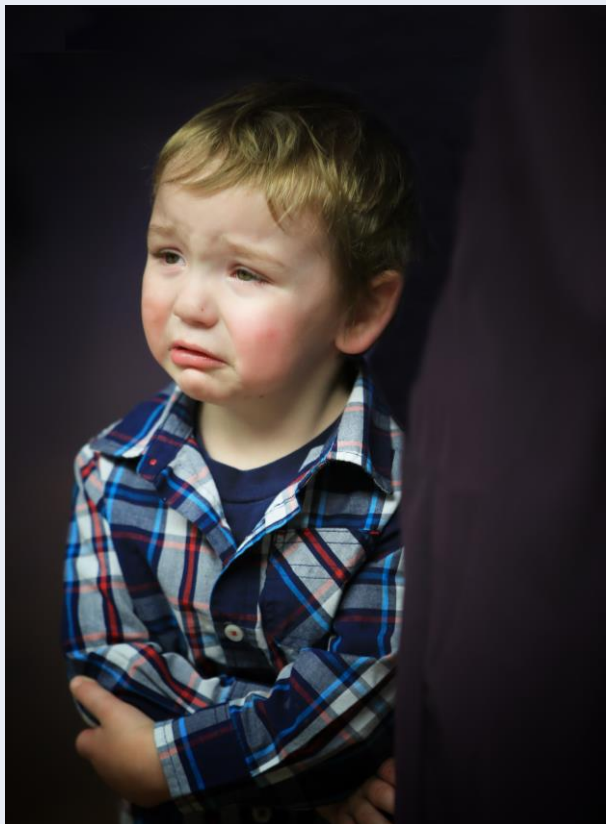


All Alone ©Lazlo Gyorsok



Dawn Dingee 2017

Pure Joy ©Dawn Dingee



Sadness ©Dawn Dingee



Curious ©Judith Gott



ASSIGNED TOPIC – Emotions



I Hear Music ©Judith Gott



Winter Blues ©John Landon



Struggle – Boy vs. Fish ©G. A. Mudge



??? ©John Landon

The 2017 July 14-16 NECCC Photo conference is only six short weeks away. I encourage our members to attend at least once – you won't be disappointed. It is a wonderful weekend of fun, learning and photographic opportunities for very little money, only \$205 for 3 days. A lot of workshops you attend now days are \$500 or more for one day. If you register by June 23rd, you can save \$40 – after June 23rd the registration goes up to \$245. You can register online at www.neccc.org - click on 2017 conference at the top and then click on the top line –online registration. <https://umass.irisregistration.com/Site/NECCC>

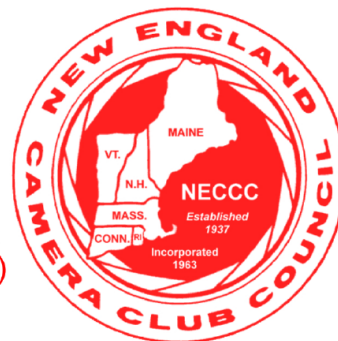
2017 72nd Conference features:

Bryan F. Peterson featured presenter **sponsored by Nikon**

- Seven pre-conference workshops
- Pre-conference portfolio review
- 27 speakers — all your favorites are back!
- Equipment loans from: **Canon, Fuji, Lensbaby, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic, Sigma, Sony, Tamron**
- Camera testing clinic: **provided by Precision Camera (CT)**
- Special Photo Ops: fancy insects by Creepy Con; glassware in three forms: high key color, blacklight, dark field; Charles Needle with Inspirational Floral Techniques; macro; and much more
- FMX motorcycle stunt jumpers (**sponsored by Hunt's**)
- Speakers Notes available in two formats: Free color online in digital format / printed full color for sale onsite
- Door prize extravaganza (cameras, lenses and much more)

Vendors Competitions Models

Conference Chairmen: Antoinette Gombeda, APSA HonNEC
and Susan Mosser, HonPSA HonNEC



**72nd Annual
PHOTOGRAPHIC
CONFERENCE**
JULY 14, 15, 16, 2017
Univ. of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA
Online Registration
available at
www.neccc.org and click on
2017 Conf.

Recommendation from fellow club member Judith Gott:

Tales by Light is an Australian documentary reality television series airing on National Geographic. The program is branded content and a joint venture between National Geographic and Canon, which follows a number of professional photographers travelling around the world to capture images which tell a story. There are 2 seasons available now on Netflix.

Bird Photography Tips by Dawn Dingee and Rick Pauline

I recently looked up some bird photography tips on the Internet. One helpful site was:

<http://digital-photography-school.com/backyard-bird-photography-tips>.

BEST TIME OF YEAR

The best time of year to photograph birds is Spring. That way you have the opportunity to capture birds you wouldn't normally see due to spring migration. It is always a great time to capture them building their nests.

Later in spring you can also capture the adults tending to their offspring.

BEST TIME OF DAY

Early morning is best - within the 3 hours after the sun rises the birds are at their most active.

CAMERA GEAR

To get 'pro' shots in the wild you will need a SLR/DSLR with a 300mm (or more) lens, a tripod, a remote shutter release and most of all patience. You can even get good shots with an advanced point and shoot with 10x Zoom. I typically use my Canon 100 – 400mm lens.

BIRD BATHS

To attract birds to a bird bath, put it near a feeder. Birdbath water should be changed every few days to insure a fresh, clear supply.



Goldfinch ©Dawn Dingee



Red Bellied Woodpecker ©Rick Pauline



Hummingbird ©Dawn Dingee



Downy Woodpecker ©Dawn Dingee



Female house finches ©Rick Pauline



Chickadee ©Rick Pauline



Robin ©Dawn Dingee



Cowbird and Grosbeak ©Rick Pauline

TYPES OF FOOD TO ATTRACT A VARIETY OF BIRDS

Sunflower seed: there are two kinds of sunflower—black oil and striped. The black oil seeds (“oilers”) have very thin shells, easy for virtually all seed-eating birds to crack open, and the kernels within have a high fat content, extremely valuable for most winter birds. Striped sunflower seeds have a thicker shell, much harder for House Sparrows and blackbirds to crack open

Safflower seed: Safflower has a thick shell, hard for some birds to crack open, but is a favorite among cardinals.

Nyjer or Thistle: Small finches including American Goldfinches, Lesser Goldfinches, Indigo Buntings, Pine Siskins, and Common Redpolls often devour these tiny, black, needle-like seeds.

Peanuts: Peanuts are very popular with jays, crows, chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, and many other species, but are also favored by squirrels, bears, raccoons, and other animals!

Other: Not all birds enjoy seed so consider putting out suet, fruit, nectar and nuts.

NEWSLETTER

Housatonic COLOR CAMERA CLUB

Member—Photographic Society of America
New England Camera Club Council

October 3, 1977

The 1977/78 HOUSATONIC COLOR CAMERA CLUB'S first meeting got off on an educational path with the informative feature "WHAT'S NEW IN PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT?", by those helpful owners of the SNAP SHOP, (Steve and Jim) of GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass. They also judged our slides for a PSA competition and offered a complimentary prize from their Shop for the best slide in the "B" group. It was won by HOWARD ROBERTS, of Lakeville, and was titled "NEW ENGLAND ASTERS"

Members' slides for the assigned subject challenges were projected and found amusing.

The TIP OF THE MONTH was given by HOLGER OLEEN and xeroxed copies were distributed.

We welcomed DANA BREHM and his bride, PAM. Congratulations! Both are teachers in nearby school systems.

Refreshments were enjoyed. NANCY TIER and LORAIN BAROODY were hostesses.

NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 18th

This meeting will feature the creative work of three of our new members:

JUDI GOTT - "EVERY SPRING"

PAM BREHM - "NEW MEXICO"

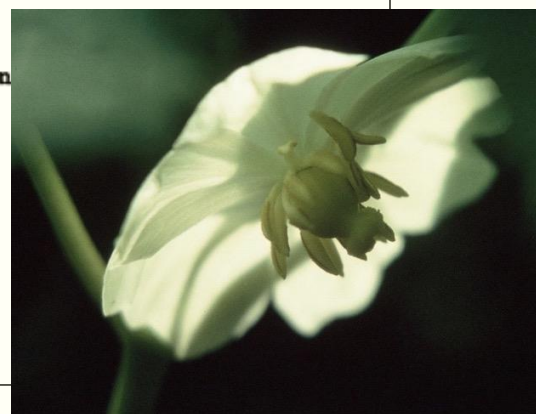
MARY YEGELLA - "A WALK WITH ME"

MEMBER ASSIGNED SUBJECT CHALLENGE - "MAN'S BEST FRIEND".

Tip of the Month will be given by DANA BREHM.

8 P.M. HOTCHKISS SCHOOL SCIENCE LECTURE HALL, Lakeville, Conn

THELMA J. YOUNG
News Editor



Thank you to Judith Gott for providing this little piece of HCC history!

May Apple circa 1977 ©Judith Gott

Opening reception at Wish House /Souterrain Gallery

Saturday, June 10, 2017 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Housatonic Camera Club Membership Enrollment 2017—2018

I wish to enroll as a member for one year. Season runs from September through June. Attached is the membership fee of \$25.00 (and \$10.00 for each additional family member).

Please hand or mail this form to the Treasurer, Judy Becker
13 Housatonic Ave. Canaan, CT 06018-2421; Email: judybecker40@att.net; Phone: 860-824-0561

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